

WHERE WILL UNCLE SAM PUT THAT RAILROAD HE'S GOING TO BUILD IN ALASKA?



Kukulana bridge of the C. R. & N. W. Ry.—the road Uncle Sam is asked to buy from the Guggenheims.

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Cordova, Alaska, Nov. 11.—Where will Uncle Sam put it?

Put what?

That Alaska railroad he is thinking of building from the southwestern coast to the Yukon valley.

"What an absurd question—you must be a newcomer," said a man in Seward when I broached this railroad subject.

"There's only ONE route to the Yukon and that is from here up Kenai peninsula, then up the Susitna river to the divide and down to the Tanana. Anybody will tell you that, except the bunch at Valdez and Cordova, and they're in with the Guggenheims!"

"I'll tell you that the only feasible route for a railroad is out of Valdez," was the way a man from that town started in.

And—

"Here's this road all built and in operation, ready for the government to buy, so why shouldn't THIS be the route," said a Cordova storekeeper. He referred to the Guggenheim road, the Copper River & Northwestern, which runs up the Copper river to